

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend paragraph 1 on page 13 as follows:

-- Front push ring 4a and rear push ring 4b have inner angled surfaces designed to mate with an angled surface of retaining ring 5. These angled surfaces work in conjunction to cause retaining ~~means~~ ring 5 to protrude towards and anchor into the inside wall of a pipe fitting hub that is desired to be plugged. --

Please amend paragraph 2 on page 15 as follows:

-- As shown in Figure 2c, the angled surfaces of front push ring 4a and rear push ring 4b wedge beneath retaining ring 5 and cause retaining ring 5 to be outwardly extend toward the inner surface of pipe fitting hub 12. O-ring 6 is provided within retaining ring 5 in order to ensure that retaining ring 5 does not collapse as retaining ring 5 is compressed and allows for expansion of piercing edges of retaining ring 5 to retract from ~~engaged~~ engagement with the inside of pipe fitting hub 12. --